

May 13. ✓
**POLLOCK FLEET
HAD GOOD DAY.**

**Furnish Bulk of Fish Receipts
at This Port.**

The pollockers got in a good bit of work yesterday afternoon and most of them were in before dark, many with good trips to show for their sets. This morning they all hustled out again, only to strike up against a stiff northeast breeze outside. Some came back early and reported a poor chance for fishing today.

Sch. Little Fannie, Capt. Charles Nelson, had the largest fare last night, 45,000 pounds. The catches of the rest of the fleet ran from 7000 to 20,000 pounds and all went to split except the fare of the steamer No Name, in which there was a good sprinkling of codfish. The amount landed last night was between 250,000 and 300,000 pounds.

During the night sch. W. H. Moody, which landed her halibut at Portland, came up with 10,000 pounds of hand-line salt cod. The halibuters Catherine Burke and Selma are also here from Portland, where they landed their halibut and salt and fresh fish.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges via Portland, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Reliance, shore, 11,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bessie A., shore, 14,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Mary Emerson, shore 17,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 13,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Little Fannie, shore, 45,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore 20,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Angelia B. Nickerson, shore, 7000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer No Name, shore, 7400 lbs. cod and pollock.
Steamer Elthier, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Jeffery, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Beatrice E., shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bryda F., shore, 17,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 7000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Joppaite, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Mystery, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Independence, shore, 11,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, via Boston.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.
Sch. Selma, via Portland.
Sch. Catherine Burke, via Portland.

Vessels Sailed

Sch. Patriot, Georges drifting.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, pollock sailing.
Sch. Actor, shore
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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Fitting for Whaling Voyage.
Sch. A. T. Gifford of New Bedford, formerly of this port is fitting for a whaling voyage to Hudson Bay and vicinity.
Halibut at Portland.
Sch. Fish Hawk is at Portland today with 10,000 lbs. of halibut.

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**FIVE NETTERS
AT NEW YORK.**

**Advance Guard Expected to
Fit For Cape Shore.**

There were no mackerel seiners at New York this morning, although the dealers were confidently expecting some in. Five of the netters showed up with medium sized trips.

The advance guard of the southern fleet, which will go to the Cape Shore is expected home here by Monday.

Netters at New York.

The netters in are:
Sch. Vesta, 500 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, 900 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Florida, 750 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Marguerite, 600 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Crustacean, 230 large fresh mackerel.
Boston advices are to the effect that the price today is 30 cents.

Fresh Mackerel Catch.

The catch of fresh mackerel to Friday and for the past five years to the corresponding date was as follows:
1910—2753 barrels.
1909—1528 barrels.
1908—4533 barrels.
1907—8649 barrels.
1906—5653 barrels.
1905—10,105 barrels.

Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date, of the catch of 1909 are 33,231 barrels, against 43,875 barrels in last year, of the catch of 1908 and 24,590 barrels in 1908, of the catch of 1907.

ANOTHER STURGEON.

**Brought Into Portland Thursday and
Was Alive All During the Day.**

This seems to be the year for sturgeons for another one was brought into Portland, making the second for the present week. This particular fish was caught by the steamer Carrie and Mildred while off the lightship. The most remarkable thing about the capture was the fact that the big fish was alive when brought into Portland about 11 o'clock Thursday and stayed alive all during the day. It was sold to J. H. McDonald and placed in his window. There the big fellow lay, seen by many people passing along Commercial street. He was breathing comfortably, it seemed, for all he was out of his element and his gills worked all day. One might imagine there would be little life in a fish four hours out of water. But when the sturgeon was taken into McDonald's and laid on the floor one of the employees there grabbed him by the tail. The sturgeon did not like the rough treatment and with a mighty switch of his big head and heavy tail he wrenched himself free and flopped around the floor. After that, he was handled with both hands and some strength.

Dominion Fish Movements.

Sand Point—Lobsters fair.
Lockeport—Cod and lobsters fair.
Liverpool—Salmon and cod, plenty; lobsters fair.
Lunenburg—Cod fair; lobsters scarce.
Musquodoboit—Cod plenty; lobsters fair; haddock scarce.
Port Malcom—Lobsters fair.
West Arichat—Lobsters fair.
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St. Peter's—Lobsters fair.
Cheticamp—Haddock and herring fair; cod scarce.
Margaree—Herring and lobsters fair; cod scarce.
Port Hood—Cod, herring and lobsters fair.
Georgetown—Herring plenty; lobsters fair.
Alberton—Cod plenty; herring and lobster fair.
Magdalene—Herring very plenty; cod plenty, lobsters fair.

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**LITTLE FISH AT
BOSTON TODAY.**

**While Prices Have Dropped,
They Are Still Fair.**

Fish arrivals at T wharf this morning don't amount to much. There are ten market fares in and half of these are in the little boats. Prices are good, considering the fact that it is the last day of the week and the dealers are looking for quite a lot of trips Monday.

In the whole 10 arrivals there are less than 50,000 pounds, and though prices have dropped from those of the first days of the week, still they are very good. Haddock brought \$2.50 to \$3.50 and large cod \$4, and other prices were in proportion.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals

Sch. Azorean, 500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Thistle, 1000 haddock.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2600 haddock, 200 cod.
Sch. Seaconnet, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Mettacomet, 1800 haddock, 2200 cod, 300 hake.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 6000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Georgianna, 3000 cod.
Sch. Laura Enos, 2000 cod.
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 1000 cod.
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, 1 to \$2.50; cusk, \$1.75; pollock, \$1.50.

DOGFISH ON MAINE COAST.

**Fisherman on That Coast Will Have
Plenty of Trouble.**

Dogfish have appeared off the Maine coast and from now on there will be plenty of trouble for everyone who depends upon the sea for a livelihood. Thursday the first dogfish of the year was brought into Portland by one of the Oleson brothers of Cape Elizabeth. He had landed the scavenger in his nets while after haddock off Cape Porpoise. It was only one fish, but that means there will be more along later and already the fishermen are becoming anxious for fear their nets will be damaged and hauls reduced. During the past ten days, halibut fishermen coming in from Georges have reported dogfish so plentiful in that section that it has been impossible to keep a trawl baited. It was hardly supposed they would get north as soon as this, but here they are and more will follow.

Early as this first dogfish has come, his advent is probably no record. Times have been known in the past when a dogfish or two have been found in the winter, but these occasions have been extremely rare. The fishermen begin to look for the prey to haddock and other fish along about the first of June off the coast of Maine. They know of no efficient way to combat them. Stealing of bait and cutting of nets have to be endured but when the depredations are at the worst, the fishermen become pretty desperate and wish that something could be done.

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The Arctic Ocean Catch.

The fish catch in the Arctic Ocean along the Siberian coast amounts each year to about 40,000,000 pounds, worth about \$1,800,000. The yield of the Amur district is 80,000,000 pounds, worth \$1,400,000. These figures do not include the millions of pounds consumed by the local population and their dogs. All told, the annual fish catch of Asiatic Russia is 156,000,000 pounds, worth \$4,000,000.

Canadian Fish Fleet.

The fishing fleet of Canada's maritime provinces consist of 26,315 boats and 1082 vessels. Within the next few years this entire fleet will be supplied with gasoline motors, the use of which is growing. On the farms also in these provinces the gasoline motor has commenced to displace the windmill, animal power and the steam engine. The superiority of American makes is generally conceded.

FISH RECEIPTS VERY MEAGRE.

Two Trips For Splitters and Three Pollockers.

The week here ends with very few fishing arrivals. The pollock fleet yesterday did nothing, owing to the fact that the northeast wind kicked up a pretty choppy sea and the crafts which were up to the westward saw no fish. Three which were down off Thacher's island succeeded in getting in a few fish.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, from down east, put in here this morning with 40,000 pounds of fresh fish and will go to Boston tomorrow to market her catch Monday morning.

Sch. Mary DeCosta is here from Boston with a few fish to split and the pollockers in are steamers Bessie M. Dugan and Joppaite and sch. Charles A. Dyer.

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Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, shore, 35,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Joppaite, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore, 13,000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Albert W. Black, Portland.

Sch. Morning Star, south seining.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, Boston.

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PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Sch. Omaha, Boston, to load salt for the eastward.

Sch. James S. Malloy, Bangor for Pawtucket.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Tacoma passed north by Hawkesbury, C. B., on Wednesday.

Sch. Colonial was at Hawkesbury, C. B., on Wednesday.

Sch. Monitor was at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday.

Schs. Colonial and Orinoco passed north by Mulgrave, N. S., on Wednesday.

Capt. Joseph Graham will now fit sch. Grace Otis for pollock seining and later will take up mackerel seining.

Portland Fish Notes.

Fish arrivals were fairly numerous on Thursday, but all the trips were small with one exception. The fares reported were: Lochinvar, 40,000 of mixed fish; Carrie and Mildred, 5000 pounds of mixed fish; Vinal Tibbetts, 2000 pounds of mixed fish; Nellie F. York, 10,000 pounds of pollock, and Alice G., 10,000 pounds of pollock.

Sch. Lochinvar came in Thursday from a four days' trip to the eastward with a fare of over 40,000 pounds of fish, mostly hake and cusk. With the exception of what is brought in by the boat fishermen but few cod or haddock are coming in at present, and prices for those fish are unusually high for the season of the year.

WANTS 'FREE' FISH.

Congressman Alexander Says Gloucester Gets Too Much.

Congressman Alexander of New York wants free fish. He is very outspoken in his opinion, and insists there ought to be reciprocity between the United States and Canada. He says up his way, Buffalo, they want reciprocity more than they do in New England, and he hopes Congress will pass a message to this effect.

Continuing, Mr. Alexander says:

"We must have free fish." It is high time that the people of the United States stopped taxing themselves for the benefit of a few Gloucester fishermen. And we are going to have free fish whether Massachusetts likes it or not. We are all of us heartily tired of this attitude of New England which wants everything to be free that comes into its borders and the highest protection put on all it sends out in the way of manufactures. There is a tax on fish when prepared in the least, even iced. The labor of Gloucester fishermen would thus be protected. But Massachusetts cannot have everything and must let the country have a fling or two of its own. So I say we want free fish."

A DOG FISH SUGGESTION.

The skins of fishes are tanned in England and made into shoe leather and shoe lacings. The supply which comes from Norway is not equal to the demand. This may suggest to the Yankee fisherman a use for the dogfish hide for which there is practically no use now.—Taunton Gazette.

THE PROBLEM OF THE SHORT LOBSTER

Legislature Again Approves Measures For an Investigation.

The disappearance of the lobster has become a matter of government concern. So serious is the condition which confronts the lobstermen that the fish and game commissioners have been called upon by the legislature to give a reason.

As a result the senate has passed a resolve calling upon the commission to investigate. The house passed it along to a third reading. It was opposed by 31 members, most of them from the uplands of the mid-counties, while the men from the coast sections were practically unanimous in its favor.

It is pointed out that the lobster supply now comes almost wholly from Maine and Nova Scotia, with the bulk of the crustaceans hailing from the latter place. The estuaries and coves along the Massachusetts coast where in the festive shellfish was wont to gambol until ensnared in the pot of some morose beach dweller are, according to the men behind the resolve, now barren of them. It is pointed out, moreover, that the few that now remain are only infants too young or too irresponsible to raise families, and that it is only a question when the lobster will join the dodo and the lalla-lou bird in the veiled land behind the curtain of extinction.

The advocates of the resolve declare that the water off the Massachusetts coast is as good as ever, but that something growing in it is not. The commissioners declare that the lobstermen themselves have decapitated the crustaceans that laid the golden eggs. The fishermen say the

Commissioners Have Made So Much Noise

over a few short lobsters that might be taken that they have frightened the revenue producers off the shore and

that Nova Scotia is now sending Massachusetts lobsters to Boston.

All parties to the controversy are satisfied, however, to permit the commissioners to study the subject and to report some plan of re-establishing the industry, although the fishermen are not prepared to say that they will accept the findings of the board without a great deal of questioning.

The investigation will be one of the most thorough ever conducted, so far as the lobster is concerned. It will include a study of the habits of the lobster when at home, an inspection of his food, a search for his enemies and the easiest method of thwarting the latter in his assaults and of furnishing the shell-fish with a bounteous and never-failing supply of eatables.

The subject of lobster propagation will also be gone into thoroughly, and as this has always been a real problem to piscatorial scientists a desperate effort is to be made to solve it. No great amount of success has attended previous efforts in this direction, but the commission is now of the opinion that the future of the industry will depend almost wholly on the artificially propagated lobster, and for that reason this phrase of the subject is to be given a great deal of attention in the forthcoming investigation.

The Effect Upon the Industry.

of the wholesale business that is done in short lobsters along the coast, especially at the beaches, will be gone into very carefully, and the evidence arranged in such conclusive way that the aid of the lobstermen themselves may be enlisted to wipe out the traffic.

The investigation will also go into the mercantile features of the lobster trade, and the commission will report upon the methods now pursued in selling broken lobsters or lobster meat, this latter including the short lobster trade and the canned lobster of the delicatessen.

This phase of the investigation is to be along the line of benefit to the public health, rather than with any idea of restoring the industry to its one-time profitability, but the fish and game commission declares that this phase of the matter is fully as important as the other.

The investigation, under the resolve, will be carried on through most of the summer, and the report will be made to the legislature of next winter.

Dogfish Bothering the Fishermen.

Dogfish are troubling the fishermen and making their catches small just at the time when prices are good and fish in demand. Capt. Simon Landry of the A. C. Newhall, who fished off the Isles of Shoals, found groundfish fairly plenty, but the dogfish cleaned the trawls so that he felt pleased that he was able to save the 3000 pounds of haddock, 1000 pounds of cod, 500 pounds of pollock, 500 pounds of hake and 500 pounds of cusk he brought to the market Saturday morning.

Capt. Fred Quinlan of the Seaconnet had almost the same trial out on Jeffreys bank, where he also found fishing good, but the dogfish were so numerous and so ravenous that he was glad to save 2000 pounds of haddock, 3000 pounds of cod, 500 pounds of pollock, 3000 pounds of hake and 500 pounds of cusk out of the large quantity of fish the men took on their trawls, but which the dogfish spoiled by biting pieces out of them.

Freak Lobster.

A fish dealer of St. John, N. B., had a freak lobster on exhibition last week. It resembles others of its kind in the window, save for its claws, one of which is regular, but the other is quite extraordinary, having two extra prongs between the "strong" and the "thin" claws. Instead of having teeth between, this unique crustacean is armed with two forks or claws, one of which is quite large. It will probably be presented to the Natural History Society.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Monitor sailed from Hawkesbury, C. B., last Friday for the fishing grounds.

Fresh Halibut Sale.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Cavalier sold to the American Halibut Co. at 6¢ cents per pound for white and 3¢ cents per pound for gray.